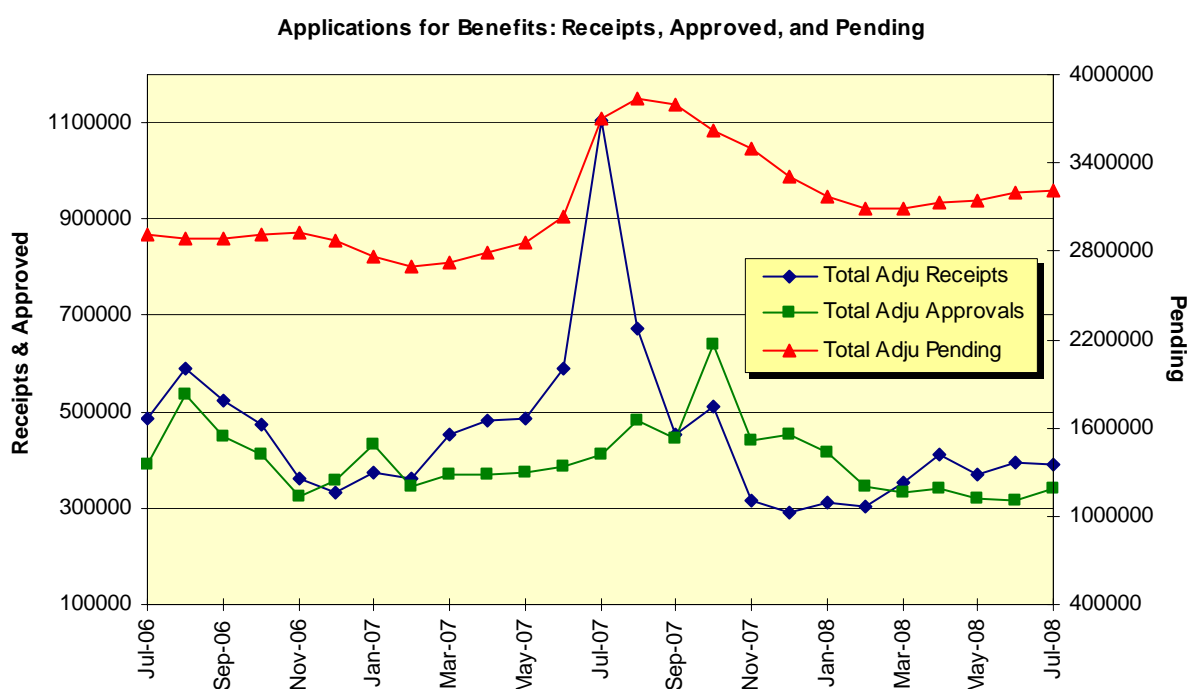


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in July 2008 decreased 65 percent compared to the number received in July 2007. July 2008 approvals decreased by 17 percent, denials decreased by 14 percent, and pending decreased by 13 percent compared to July 2007.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2007</i>
	<i>July 2008</i>	<i>July 2007</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	389,359	1,105,210	-65%	3,654,353	5,020,182	-27%	6,149,711
Approved	341,314	413,265	-17%	3,942,615	3,784,900	4%	4,710,984
Denied	39,358	45,593	-14%	421,769	476,898	-12%	581,511
Pending	3,211,167	3,694,593	-13%	3,211,167	3,694,593	-13%	3,790,194

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in July 2008 include: 125,412 I-765 employment authorizations; 56,865 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 49,711 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole; 41,995 I-485 applications to adjust status; 28,564 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of July 2008 include: 1,438,075 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 721,975 I-485 applications to adjust status; 253,553 I-765 employment authorizations; 158,490 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 122,785 I-140 immigrant worker; 112,187 reentry permit/advance parole.

Footnote: "Initial Receipts data only reflects the number of applications that USCIS was able to fee receipt and/or data enter into a case processing system. Applications currently held in USCIS mailroom facilities but not processed to the point of recognition as Initial Receipts are deemed frontlog cases. These frontlog cases are also not reflected in Pending figures."